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## ARMY AND NAVY

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been promoted to the rank of major. Previous to his disappearance he had had an unblemished record in the marine corps, having served during the Spanish war and in the Philippines. He was born in New York thirty-one years ago and was appointed to the marine corps from Rhode Island April 18, 1898.

### Short in Accounts.

Following the mysterious disappearance of Captain Matthews last February it developed at Mare Island that he was short \$3100 in his accounts. Matthews was warden of the naval prison at Mare Island.

He disappeared while on a forty-eight-hour leave of absence, but the cloak of official secrecy kept his short-ages hidden until three days after his disappearance. As warden at Mare Island he was not only responsible for the funds of the prison, but took charge of any money prisoners had on entering.

The estimates place the thefts from the mess at \$1900 and from the prisoners' fund at \$1200. It was reported after the disappearance of Matthews that overtures were made by his relatives to make good the amount said to have been stolen.

Chaplain Matthews was transferred to Mare Island November 18, 1909.

### New German Gun.

BERLIN, September 9.—Some interesting experiments have recently been carried out by the German military authorities at Döberitz with a new type of siege gun constructed by Krupp.

Its most remarkable feature is its projectile, which consists of a round bomb of great diameter loaded with a very powerful explosive mixture.

The bomb is of far greater diameter than the bore of the gun which throws it, and is provided with a long stick-like tail which is loaded into the barrel of the gun, its lower end, which is enlarged to a wad or piston-like form, resting on the gun-charge at the bottom of the barrel.

On being fired, the trailing stick-like tail serves to keep the bomb in its proper direction of flight, and only detaches itself and falls to earth after a certain distance has been covered, leaving the bomb to pursue its course alone.

### Rugby in the Navy.

Chronicle: Rugby football in the United States navy instead of the former intercollegiate gridiron game is the latest announcement that has added to the stronghold of the game now played by all of the schools and colleges in California and Nevada. The marine corps of the navy yard at Mare Island has decided to adopt the Rugby style of football as a substitute for the old American game, which has always been so popular in the various branches of the government service. The news that the marines had decided to play Rugby reached here yesterday when it was learned that a coach for this style of football was being sought by the athletic authorities of the navy yard.

Lieutenant E. C. Long, athletic officer of the marine corps, is looking after the interests of Uncle Sam's athletes and anticipates a season of three months for the marine team. The decision of the marine corps to play Rugby is the initial attempt at the new game on the part of a navy team and marks another step in the elimination of the old college game.

For the purposes of the navy teams Rugby is considered more appropriate in view of the fact that it is played all over the world. A knowledge of the game will permit of international matches during the stay of an American fleet in foreign waters. It is likely that the Mare Island squad will seek games with the local clubs during the present season.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—With all of the features of real warfare except the spilling of blood, six companies of the Coast Artillery Corps and the men of the Fifth Infantry, National Guard, engaged in battle practice in the Marin county hills yesterday.

For an hour the hills rattled with the spiteful crack of many rifles, and in the end an undecided battle was fought in the defense of the Sausalito against the army of the "Blues" detailed to play the part of hostile troops.

Crack marksmen from several of the companies made high scores on the rifle range, and today the championship of all companies engaged in the maneuvers will be determined.

The "Blues" included Company D of San Rafael and Company H of Hayward, commanded by Major Francis. Colonel George Schastey of the Coast Artillery Corps commanded the "Browns," the forces of the defense.

For the purposes of the mimic battle it was assumed that the "Blues" had landed at Eureka, had marched down the coast and had just had an engagement with a detachment of the

Browns at West Berkeley. The "Blues" were "reported" to have crossed the bay and landed near Tiburon.

Col. Schastey ordered his men to move toward El Campo, eight miles from Sausalito, five miles from Tiburon.

The defense sent out scouts and the Signal Corps, under Captain T. F. Sullivan, marched at the head of the vanguard. The signal men, stringing field telephone and telegraph wires as they advanced, were able to keep in constant communication with the main party, under Major Lund.

The Blues, under Major Francis, fortified a position upon a hill near California City on the Marin shore and were soon discovered by the Brown scouts.

Advancing to the attack the Browns took advantage of every possible cover. The Blues had selected a hill before which there is little brush, but where the advance found many large boulders for their protection.

As the position was approached a constant fire was kept up and finally the Blues were driven away, all except a small party, strongly fortified behind boulders, in a clump of trees. These were dislodged only with the greatest difficulty.

The engagement began at 2:15 and lasted until 3:30. There was no decision. In the late afternoon all of the forces marched to El Campo for the night.

The only blood spilled during the day was that of Private W. F. Ott, an artilleryman who ran foul of a bayonet and received a cut upon the knee. The wound was slight. Ott was handed over to the Hospital Corps and went home in an automobile. The maneuvers will continue today.

### Salutes Chinese Warship.

NEW YORK, September 11.—"The protector of the sea" steamed slowly up the Hudson river today, flying astern a long yellow pennant with a rampant dragon of deep blue, while a brass band played a ragtime air that had not been heard in New York for five years. The visitor was the Chinese cruiser Hai Chi, the first Chinese warship that ever entered American waters.

As the sea fighter passed through the Narrows this morning the guns at Fort Wadsworth sounded the national salute and America's latest and greatest Dreadnought, the Utah, whose 21,000 tons made the 4300-ton visitor look like a launch, also saluted. The cruiser dipped her yellow pennant in response.

Chinatown's foremost citizens, aboard a launch, swarmed over her sides as the Hai Chi came to rest. None of the delegates from Chinatown wore a queue. Officers, likewise without queues and loaded down with gold lace and wearing creaseless patent leather boots, welcomed the visitors aboard. Rear-Admiral Ching Pis Kwang wore a modest blue uniform and a white duck cap. Most of the officers spoke good English.

An aid of Rear-Admiral Lutze, commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and Commander Cooper visited the vessel to welcome the foreigners. Later, the Chinese Admiral went to the navy yard to pay his respects to Admiral Lutze. He went through the yard and inspected the warships New York and Florida, now nearing completion. On Thursday Rear-Admiral Ching will go to Beverly to pay his respects to President Taft.

Tonight a detachment of the Chinese jacksies on shore leave attracted much attention in the city and business was rushing in Chinatown. The immigration restrictions against the landing of Chinese were forgotten for the occasion.

### Lieutenant Shipp's Wedding.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—The wedding of Miss Anna Weller and Lieutenant Earl Shipp, United States Navy, took place last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weller, on Pacific avenue.

Only relatives and intimate friends were present, but the house had been elaborately decorated for the event. In the drawing-room, where the ceremony took place, there was an arbor of tiger lilies and white dypsothila, while in the hall baskets of pink hydrangea were used. The diningroom, where the bride's table was set, was decorated entirely in pink sweet peas.

The pink color scheme was carried out in bridesmaids' costumes. Miss Ida Sonntag, a maid of honor, wore pink satin embroidered in silver, and the two bridesmaids, Miss Eliza McMullin and Miss Katherine McAdam, were in pink chiffon embroidered in seed pearls and silver. They carried bouquets of tiger lilies tied with pink tulle. The bridal robe of white satin was veiled with rare old point applique that is an heirloom in the family, and her lace veil was held by a coronet of lilies of the valley.

Lieutenant Ross Culp of the Navy was best man and the ushers were Lieutenant Gaylord Church and Ensign Mayfield.

Mrs. Weller, mother of the bride, wore a costume of royal blue satin, with an overdress of gold gauze embroidered in blue. Mrs. John McMullin, grandmother of the bride, who was one of the grand dames of society a generation ago, wore a handsome robe of black Chantilly lace.

Following the ceremony supper was served at small tables, except the bride's table, where, besides the wedding party, were seated Mrs. Douglas Fry, Miss Ethel Shorb, Miss Anna Peters, Miss May Colburn, Lieutenant Ord, U. S. A., Ensign Symington, William Lieb and John McMullin. The young couple will visit relatives in Chicago and New York before going to their new home at Annapolis.

### Largest Warships Yet.

NEW YORK, September 12.—The arrival here of the new American dreadnought Utah, to join her sister ship, the dreadnought Florida, now nearing completion at the Brooklyn navy yard, again sets the scales in motion of the relative position of our American sea fighters as compared with the navies of the other great powers.

While naval experts concede that Great Britain has the largest aggregate of fighting ships, with Germany and the United States in a close race for second place, yet it is equally conceded by these experts that the two new American dreadnoughts now here outrank in size and strength anything afloat in the British and German navies at the present time. The British naval monsters, Lion and Orion, will exceed in tonnage and strength the American ships, but neither of these Leviathans is as yet in service. Germany also has a number of monster dreadnoughts, but they are in course of construction, and the largest German ship afloat is still less in tonnage and efficiency than the two sister American dreadnoughts, Utah and Florida, now here for the first time.

The American ships have a displacement of 22,000 tons as against the original dreadnought of 18,000 tons. They also take the lead over the Delaware and North Dakota, 20,000 tons each, which have heretofore held the lead of big gun ships in the American navy. The two new American dreadnoughts, besides leading the ships of all the great powers in point of size, also bring Germany and the United States nearer together for second place among naval powers.

Among naval experts the original dreadnought has become the accepted unit of fighting efficiency. Counting the dreadnought as a unit of 100, the American battleship Delaware and her sister ship, North Dakota, have a ratio of efficiency of 110 each, while the Florida and Utah have a ratio of 125 each. These ratios for American dreadnought ships aggregate 670, as against an aggregate of about 700 for Germany. So that Germany and the United States are separated by only a few points for position of second place among naval powers, based on the dreadnought as the unit of fighting strength. However, on ships below the dreadnought unit, naval experts maintain that the scales are turned in favor of the United States as second in rank among the naval powers.

Coincident with the arrival of these two leaders among dreadnoughts of the great powers, the keel was laid yesterday of the super-dreadnought New York, 27,000 tons, which outranks in tonnage anything thus far built or underway in England or Germany. The largest British ships under construction are those of the King George class, 25,000 tons, and the largest of the new German ships building are 23,000 tons. The British designers are planning the Queen Mary of 29,000 tons, but she is not yet actually under way.

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